

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING A
5 DEVICE DRIVER TO A PLURALITY OF CLIENT COMPUTER SYSTEMS
EACH EXECUTING DIFFERENT OPERATING SYSTEMS

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A data processing system and method are disclosed for automatically installing a device driver on a plurality of client computer systems which are each executing a different operating system. The data processing system includes a server computer system coupled to the client computer systems via a network. Each of the client computer systems executes a different operating system. Particular client computer systems are specified. These client computer systems are the systems which are to receive and install the device driver. Different versions of the device driver are created and stored within the server computer system. Each of the different versions of the device driver is executable by a different one of the operating systems. One of the different versions is copied to one of the client computer systems. This client computer system is executing one of the operating systems. The version of the device driver that is copied is the version which is executable by this operating system being executed by the client. The server computer system then causes the client computer system to install this version of the device driver on the client.